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October 20, 2008

Mr. Ronald P. Schafer
Chairperson
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, California 90265

**Amendment to Grant SMM-0754
Project Planning and Design**

Dear Mr. Schafer:

The subject grant was awarded to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for Project Planning and Design activities in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay. The grant was funded from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

The MRCA has submitted the attached application for a \$100,000 augmentation to the \$650,000 Proposition 84 Project Planning and Design grant (SMM-0754). The Conservancy last augmented this grant in September 2007. The application budget calls for \$65,000 to be spent in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed and \$35,000 in coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay. An expenditure plan for each of these geographic areas is included in the MRCA application.

It is anticipated that the current grant will be exhausted by the end of calendar year 2009. It further states that because of the uncertainties with the State budget that it would be prudent to assure that key elements of the MRCA legal, design services, and natural resources and planning programs have a level of funding certainty through the first quarter of 2010. A delayed 2009-2010 State budget could potentially require trimming staff and halting work on projects. The request is to authorize the minimum amount of additional planning funds to prevent any unnecessary delays and reduction detrimental to the implementation of projects on the approved project list.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Barbara Romero, at 323-221-9944, extension 188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Freidl".

Jim Freidl
Financial Officer

Attachments: Application

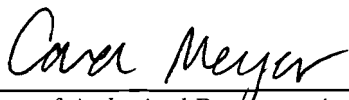
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION			
Project Name: Project Planning and Design	Amount of Request: \$ 100,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 750,000 Augumentation SMM 0754		
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority			
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065 Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934	Project Address: N/A		
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	Los Angeles	various	various
	Email: Barbara.Romero@mrca.ca.gov		
Grantee's Authorized Representative: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Cara Meyer, Contracts Officer 323-221-9944, x117 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <i>Name and Title</i> <i>Phone</i> </div>			
Person with day-to-day responsibility for project: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Barbara Romero, Chief Urban Watershed Program 310-221-9944, x188 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <i>Name and Title</i> <i>Phone</i> </div>			
Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): Project planning and design activities leading directly to the preservation, protection and restoration of land, water and other natural resources in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the watersheds of Santa Monica Bay.			
Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84			
Narrative/Project Description: <p>The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) requested Project Planning and Design Services grant augmentation would fund activities directly related to the acquisition, preservation, protection and restoration of land, water and other natural resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs for eligible projects located in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay. The MRCA will provide direct services related to the expeditious acquisition or improvement of property.</p> <p>The MRCA, in consultation with the Conservancy staff, will develop and implement projects that maximize the protection, enhancement, distribution, and creation of public parks and natural areas throughout the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal canyons of the Santa Monica Bay. The funding will be used for Proposition 84 funding eligible projects in the specific geographic areas listed in the attached figure entitled "Potential Projects List." The scope of these projects shall range from the acquisition and development of urban native habitat parks and trails to the acquisition and development of urban native habitat parks and trails to the acquisition of habitat linkages between the major core habitats of the Santa Monica Mountains zone. MRCA staff efforts will also include the obtainment and processing of land and trail easement dedications and donations. To the extent possible, all planning, design, and implementation efforts shall be multi-objective to integrate increased water supply and quality, wildlife habitat including fisheries, habitat connectivity, and the broad distribution of passive recreational opportunities that may incorporate interpretive displays. All of the subject project planning and design activities would be consistent with the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Project development will strongly focus on combining multiple funding sources to stretch both local and State dollars.</p> <p>A major component of this grant scope is to bring forth to the Conservancy a primary set of upper Los</p>			

Angeles River watershed projects to be partially funded by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's allocation of Proposition 84 funding. The development of that project set, and their resulting scopes, will involve extensive public input to greatly address the paucity of the Conservancy's Workprogram projects in the portions of the watershed that were added to the Conservancy's jurisdiction with the passage of Proposition 50 and carried forth in Proposition 84. That project set will include both acquisition and improvement projects in the array of upper watershed geographic quadrants.

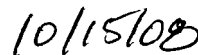
The MRCA requests that the term of the agreement end no earlier than June 30, 2010.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Project Planning- upper LA River	\$ 65,000	June 30, 2010
2 Project Planning- Santa Monica Bay	\$ 35,000	June 30, 2010

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.



Signature of Authorized Representative



Date

Form SMM-001

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Proposed MRCA Budget Augmentation of SMM-0754

Expense Type	Proposed Grant Allocation		
	Coastal Watersheds of Santa Monica Bay	Upper Los Angeles River Watershed	Total
1. Direct Acquisition Expenses	\$ 9,330.00	\$ 17,335.00	\$ 26,665.00
a. Appraisals (Average \$5,000)			
b. Appraisal Reviews (Average \$1,500)			
c. Preliminary Title Reports (\$750 each)			
2. MRCA Staff Time	\$ 23,330.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 49,330.00
a. 16 Employees (average cost per hour with benefits & overhead, \$51/hour, 967 hours approximately).			
3. Professional Services, Travel & Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 21,665.00	\$ 24,005.00
a. Transportation			
b. Acquisition of Digital Aerial Photography			
c. Specialized GIS Software			
d. Fees to reserve Chapter 8 Agreements			
e. Miscellaneous Expenses			
f. Legal Descriptions and Services			
Total	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 100,000.00